

WEBSTER'S II

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Dictionary

polychlorinated biphenyl (pŏl'klor'ŭ-ŭn'd, -bĭb'ē) *n.* Any of a family of industrial compounds produced by chlorination of biphenyl, noted chiefly as an environmental pollutant that accumulates in animal tissue with resultant pathogenic and carcinogenic effects.

polychromatic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adj.* Also **polychromic** (krah'mĭk) or **polychromaticous** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.* 1. Having many colors or manifesting changes of color. 2. Designating radiation of which there are several wavelengths.

polychromatous (pŏl'krah'mŭ's) *adj.* Also **polychromatous** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.* 1. Susceptibility to staining with more than one type of dye, as seen in diseased red blood cells. —**polychromatousness** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polychrome (pŏl'krah'm) *adj.* 1. POLYCHROMATIC. 2. Made or decorated in many colors. —*n.* An object, as a piece of pottery, having or decorated in many colors.

polychromatic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) or **polychromaticous** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.* See POLYCHROMATIC.

polychromy (pŏl'krah'mĭ) *n.* The art of employing many colors in decoration, esp. in sculpture and architecture.

polychronic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A clinic or hospital that treats many types of diseases.

polychronic projection (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A cone map projection having distances between meridians shorter nearer the equator than those distances on a globe, the central geographic meridian is a straight line and the others are curved, while the parallels are arcs of circles.

polychrocytoid (pŏl'krah'mĭk) also **polychroic** (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adj.* A plant having several corollas. —**polychrocytoidness** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polychroic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adj.* Also **polychroic** (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adj.* 1. Having two or more chromic rings in a molecule.

polychroism (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* Pathol. A condition characterized by an abnormally large number of red cells in the blood.

polydactyl (pŏl'krah'mĭk) also **polydactylous** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.* Having more than the normal number of fingers or toes. —*n.* A polydactyl individual. —**polydactylism** (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.*

polydentate (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adj.* POLY- + *dentate* (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.* Having more than two or more prongs.

polydipole (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [POLY- + *dipole* (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.*] Excessive or abnormal thrust. —**polydipole** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polyelectrolyte (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* An electrolyte having a high molecular weight, as a polysaccharide or protein.

polyembryony (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* POLY- + *embryon* (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.* Development of more than one embryo from a single egg or ovule. —**polyembryonic** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polyene (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* An organic compound having many double bonds.

polyester (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A synthetic resin, produced mainly by reaction of dibasic acids with diols, alcohols and used to warp, filter, plastic, coat, paint, insulate, and in many other uses.

polyether (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A polymer having a carbon-oxygen bond in the repeating unit, esp. when derived from an epoxide or an aldehyde.

polyethylene (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A plastic. A polymerized ethylene resin, used esp. in films and sheets for packaging or molded into householdware, tubing, and containers.

polyethylene glycol (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A copolymer of high molecular weight liquids that are colorless and soluble in water and in many organic solvents, used chiefly in detergents and as emulsifying agents and plasticizers.

polygala (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [Lat. *Polygala*, genus name + *Gk.* galaktōn, milkwort: *polus*, much + *galaktōn*, milk.] The milkwort.

polygamist (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* One who practices polygamy.

polygamism (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* 1. *n.* A condition, esp. in plants, in which a plant has many flowers on the same plant. 2. *n.* A condition, esp. in plants, in which a plant has many flowers on different plants of the same species.

polygamously (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *adv.*

polygamy (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [Fr. *polygamie* + Lat. *polygamia* + *Gk.* *polygamia*: *polus*, many + *gamia*, marriage.] The state or practice of having more than one spouse at a time.

polygenetic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* One of a set of cooperating genes, each producing a small quantitative effect.

polygenetic (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* Derivation of a species or type from more than one species. —**polygeneticity** (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.*

polygeny (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* 1. *n.* A condition, esp. in plants, in which a plant has many flowers on the same plant. 2. *n.* A condition, esp. in plants, in which a plant has many flowers on different plants of the same species.

polyglot (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [Fr. *polyglotte* + *Gk.* *polyglottos*: *polus*, many + *glottos*, tongue, written or in composition.] One who speaks, writes, or understands several languages. —*adj.* 1. One with a reading, writing, or speaking knowledge of several languages. 2. A book, esp. a Bible, containing several versions of the same text in different languages. 3. A mixture or combination of languages. —**polyglotism** (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.*

polygon (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [Lat. *polygonum* + *Gk.* *polygonon*: *polus*, many + *gonon*, angle.] A closed plane figure bounded by three or more line segments. —**polygonal** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

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polygonum (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [Lat. *polygonum*, genus name + *Gk.* *polygonum*: *polus*, many + *gonon*, angle.] A plant of the widely distributed genus *Polygonum*, with knotted stem joints.

polygraph (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* An instrument that simultaneously records variations in such physiological activities as heartbeat, blood pressure, and respiration, often used as a lie detector. —**polygraphic** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polygyny (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [POLY- + *gynē*, woman.] The state or practice of having more than one wife at a time. —**polygynous** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

polyhedron (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* One of a polyhedron.

polyhedral angle (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* One of a polyhedron.

polyhedron (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* A solid bounded by polygons. —**polyhedral** (trŏ'mŭ's) *adj.*

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Two types of polyhedrons

polyhivator (pŏl'krah'mĭk) *n.* [POLY- + *hivator* (trŏ'mŭ's) *n.*] A machine for hiving bees.

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